

January 26, 2009

The Common Council met as the Water Utility Board at 7:00 p.m. on the above date in the Meeting Room at City Hall Annex with Mayor Tucker presiding and members Askren, Fuelling, Hoehn, Curtis, and Higgins attending. Others attending were Chief Beloit; Chief Waters; Supt. Gray; Supt. Givens; Attorney Higgins; Doug Ralston and Aaron Burke – Bernardin Lochmueller & Associates, Inc.; Larry Robb – Emergency Management Director; representatives of IMI; Pam Robinson – Posey County News; Amy Moore – Mount Vernon Democrat; and arriving during the meeting, Comm. Maynard.

Mayor Tucker called the meeting to order by stating members were either mailed or hand carried copies of the minutes of their previous meeting and by asking if there were any corrections or additions. He added if not, he entertains a motion to waive their reading and to approve the minutes as presented.

Board member Higgins moved the reading of the minutes be waived and they be approved as presented.

Seconded by Board member Askren.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any discussion ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Tucker requested action on the claims presented.

Board member Fuelling moved the claims presented be allowed for payment. Seconded by Board member Higgins.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any discussion ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously.

*****CLAIMS*****

Mayor Tucker stated they will now hear the report of the Water Chairman.

Chairman Curtis stated he has no report, but Supt. Gray does.

Supt. Gray reported they were busy last week with seven leaks, which are all now fixed. He continued by stating the electricity was installed today at the new building, and that went smoothly. He then stated the electricity has been the main obstacle on holding to their timeline – the new start up date is now March 1, 2009. He added US Filter will be down on February 9 to supervise the final filter installation.

He then stated work on the Keck Booster Station is nearly complete; should be by January 28th. He added they will install a line stop on the west side of the old booster station, and residents in the area that may be affected by pressure changes, or lack of pressure, have been notified. He concluded the update on construction by stating they have acquired the north booster station property, though there has been no construction started at that location yet.

Supt. Gray continued his report by stating he would like permission to attend the AWWA Conference in Indianapolis February 17th through the 19th. He added this will enable him to get his continuing education credits that he needs for his license. He is also requesting permission for the city credit card and to use the city vehicle.

Board member Curtis moved permission to attend, use the city credit card and vehicle be given.

Seconded by Board member Hoehn.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any discussion ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions Supt. Gray ?

Board member Hoehn questioned the pressure problems in her district, due to the work being done on the Keck Booster Station, will there be a boil order as a result ? If folks are gone at work all day, how will they know they need to boil or not ?

Supt. Gray replied he really doesn't have an answer for that, unless they get reports of no pressure, and they are only stating that it MAY be a boil advisory.

Board member Fuelling stated Supt. Gray reported seven leaks last week, is there a general reason for that ?

Supt. Gray replied temperature changes, no rhyme or reason really. He added he would like to let residents know that when the temperature gets below 20 degrees they should not open their meter pits, as they freeze up very quickly.

Board member Curtis asked if the salt barn was ready ?

Supt. Gray replied yes, it is complete and has salt in it. He added February 2 is the target date for construction to begin on the packer barn.

A representative of IMI then asked when they can expect to begin on the north booster station ?

Supt. Gray replied he is not sure, he is at the mercy of the construction company and the weather. He added he has no solid answer, not even a guess.

Comm. Maynard arrived at the meeting.

Board member Curtis stated, in reference to the Change Order presented by JCI at their last meeting, the corrections/clarifications the Board requested have been made. He added JCI is guaranteeing that this will be the price with no additional change orders – their last request of any kind. With that in mind, he then moved the Board accept the Change Order of JCI, as stated in the revised document, with no more changes to be allowed. Seconded by Board member Askren.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any discussion ?

Attorney Higgins added the problem at the last meeting was that the figures on the spreadsheet did not match the attachment, they have now been corrected.

Mayor Tucker requested a roll call vote.

Roll was called by the Clerk-Treasurer with Board voting as follows:

Askren – yes; Fuelling – yes; Hoehn – yes;

Curtis – yes; Higgins – yes.

Mayor Tucker stated the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Tucker stated they have the Financial Report for December before them and any questions could be directed to Bookkeeper Bennett.

Mayor Tucker asked if the Clerk-Treasurer had any Communications for the Board ?

Clerk-Treasurer Wolfe replied not at this time.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any Legals for consideration ?

There were none.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any Old Business ?
There was none.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any New Business ?
There was none.

Mayor Tucker stated if there was no further business, he entertains a motion to adjourn.
Board member Fuelling moved the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Board member Curtis.
Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously and adjourned the meeting.

John Tucker
Mayor

ATTEST:

Cristi L. Wolfe
Clerk-Treasurer

The Common Council met immediately following the Water Utility Board on the above date in the Meeting Room at City Hall Annex with Mayor Tucker presiding and members Askren, Fuelling, Hoehn, Curtis, and Higgins attending. Others attending were Chief Beloit; Chief Waters; Supt. Gray; Supt. Givens; Attorney Higgins; Doug Ralston and Aaron Burke – Bernardin Lochmueller & Associates, Inc.; Larry Robb – Emergency Management Director; Pam Robinson – Posey County News; Amy Moore – Mount Vernon Democrat; and Comm. Maynard.

Mayor Tucker called the meeting to order by stating members were either mailed or hand carried copies of the minutes of their previous meeting and by asking if there were any corrections or additions. He added if not, he entertains a motion to waive their reading and to approve the minutes as presented. Councilman Curtis moved the reading of the minutes be waived and they be approved as presented. Seconded by Councilwoman Hoehn.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any discussion ?
There was none.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Tucker stated they will now hear the reports of the Standing Committees.

Street & Light Chairwoman Hoehn stated she has no report.

Comm. Maynard reported he has had several complaints on the condition of Leonard Road. He contacted Rudolph and they came down and did some patching, as well as on Grant Street, hopefully this will hold until Spring. He stated in anticipation of the winter storm, they have pretreated the roads.

Mayor Tucker asked if any farmers or contractors with snow removal equipment have approached him about possibly helping out ?

Comm. Maynard replied yes, he has been approached by some who would be willing to help, and he may have to take them up on it.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions ?
There were none.

Police & Dog Chairwoman Askren stated she has no report.
Chief Beloat stated he has no report.
Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions ?
There were none.

Fire Chairman Fuelling stated the fire department made 28 runs this month.
Chief Waters replied actually, they made 28 runs between this meeting and their last meeting on the 12th, for a total of 49 runs this month.
Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions ?
There were none.

Sewer Chairwoman Higgins reported BLA is present this evening for a presentation later in the meeting.
Supt. Givens stated he has no report.
Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions ?
There were none.

Mayor Tucker asked if the Clerk-Treasurer had any Communications for the Council ?
Clerk-Treasurer Wolfe replied not at this time.

Mayor Tucker stated they are now ready for the Legal portion of the Agenda.

Attorney Higgins stated, tabled from the last meeting, is the Council appointment to the City of Mount Vernon Economic Development Commission. She reminded them their current is Ann Blackburn.
Councilwoman Higgins stated she contacted Ms. Blackburn about the possibility of serving again and she said most definitely, she would like to. She then moved the Council reappoint Ann Blackburn to the Mount Vernon EDC. Seconded by Councilwoman Askren.
Mayor Tucker asked if there was any discussion ?
There was none.
Mayor Tucker then requested a roll call vote.
Roll was called by the Clerk-Treasurer with Council voting as follows:
Askren – yes; Fuelling – yes; Hoehn – yes;
Curtis – yes; Higgins – yes.
Mayor Tucker stated the motion carried unanimously.

Attorney Higgins stated the next item is the second reading of the proposed Ordinance to Amend the City of Mt. Vernon Code of Ordinances, Title 15 – Land Usage, Chapter 153-Zoning code, Section 153.244-Fees and Deleting Appendix E – Fee Schedule. She reminded Council this ordinance was recommended by the Area Plan Commission and passed first reading at their last meeting.
Councilman Curtis moved the ordinance pass on second reading. Seconded by Councilman Fuelling.
Mayor Tucker asked if there was any discussion ?
There was none.
Mayor Tucker requested a roll call vote.
Roll was called by the Clerk-Treasurer with Council voting as follows:
Askren – yes; Fuelling – yes; Hoehn – yes;
Curtis – yes; Higgins – yes.
Mayor Tucker stated the motion carried unanimously.
Councilwoman Hoehn moved the rules be suspended. Seconded by Councilman Curtis.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any discussion ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker requested a roll call vote.

Roll was called by the Clerk-Treasurer with Council voting as follows:

Askren – yes; Fuelling – yes; Hoehn – yes;

Curtis – yes; Higgins – yes.

Mayor Tucker stated the motion carried unanimously.

Councilwoman Hoehn moved the ordinance pass on final reading. Seconded by Councilman Curtis.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any discussion ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker requested a roll call vote.

Roll was called by the Clerk-Treasurer with Council voting as follows:

Askren – yes; Fuelling – yes; Hoehn – yes;

Curtis – yes; Higgins – yes.

Clerk-Treasurer Wolfe added it will be numbered 09-02.

Mayor Tucker stated in the Audience is Larry Robb, the Director of Emergency Management.

Mr. Robb stated he has given Mayor Tucker a proposed resolution adopting the Multi Hazard Mitigation Plan, which has been in development since early 2007. He added the plan is required if municipalities, etc. try to receive grants or funding for governmental mandated upgrades, projects, etc. He added FEMA has approved the plan, the county has adopted the plan, as well as the other smaller communities within the county, and now it is time for Mt. Vernon to formally adopt the resolution. He then asked if there were any questions ?

Councilwoman Higgins stated this seems to her to basically be a proactive approach ?

Mr. Robb agreed.

Councilwoman Hoehn asked where the money comes from for these projects ?

Mr. Robb replied the federal government.

Councilwoman Hoehn asked if once Mt. Vernon adopts this resolution, does that mean they are obligated to make the updates/improvements/changes that are mandated/suggested ?

Mr. Robb replied no, it simply allows the city to apply to the federal government for funding, IF this plan is in place.

Councilwoman Hoehn stated it sounds like a benefit if the city adopts it.

Mr. Robb replied stated, as required by the plan, they held several public meetings, etc., of which are also a part of the plan.

Chief Beloit agreed and added he was present at some of those meetings.

Councilwoman Hoehn asked if this is an ongoing process, with more changes to come ?

Mr. Robb replied yes, as conditions/threats change.

Councilman Curtis stated he would like to table action on this for tonight to give him time to thumb through the plan.

Councilwoman Hoehn agreed she would also like to review the plan.

Council agreed to table final action until the next meeting.

Mayor Tucker stated next on the Agenda is BLA with an overview for the Council on the CSO project. He reminded Council most of this work is being mandated by the state. He then turned the presentation over to Mr. Ralston.

Mr. Ralston stated he and Mr. Burk have been working on this project, with the help of Supt. Gray, Comm. Maynard, Supt. Givens, and Mayor Tucker. He then presented the following to the Council:

SAWMILL ELIMINATION PROJECT SUMMARY

****Project Required by Agreed Order 2003-12663-W (State Judicial Action) and must be completed by December 31, 2009**

****Project eliminates the Sawmill Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO 004) which now discharges upstream of the Water Treatment Plant intake**

****This is Phase 1 of a two phase project to bring the City into compliance with their approved Long Term Control Plan. Both phases are to be completed within 5 years.**

****This Sawmill Elimination Phase includes the following:**

- *Approximately 3400 ft. of 36" Reinforced Concrete Pipe**

- *New flow collection box at Mill Creek Combined Sewer Overflow(CSO 003)**

- *Rehabilitation of Priority 1 Manholes (approximately 32)**

- *Elimination of SSO at E & S Pump Station by replacement of pumps**

- *In-kind replacement of Street Department storage building**

****Project Construction Cost is estimated between \$1.8 and \$1.9 million; when compared to previous option (separation of storm from sanitary sewers), this is a savings of over \$2 million**

****Phase 2 will consist of a new Mill Creek Pump Station (40 MGD capacity), 36" force main to the Wastewater Treatment Plant, 3.5 Million Gallon high flow storage basin and improvements to the WWTP allowing the treatment of 9.2 MGD during peak flow events. The Phase 2 Construction Cost is estimated at \$9.3 million and will be completed by the end of 2013.**

****Both Phases are funded by the State Revolving Loan program (low interest loan) which is estimated to save the community over \$3 million in interest over the 20 year loan period (simple interest and reduction of 2% interest rate – loan versus bond).**

Mr. Robb then left the meeting.

Mr. Ralston stated the bid date is scheduled for February 12, 2009 at 2:00 p.m.. He then asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Mayor Tucker did state however, that this work will eventually result in a sewer rate increase.

Mayor Tucker asked if anyone else in the Audience wished to address the Council ?

There was no response.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any Old Business ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any New Business ?

There was none.

Mayo Tucker stated they will now hear the reports of the Districts.

1st District Councilwoman Askren stated she has no report.

2nd District Councilman Fuelling stated he has no report.

3rd District Councilwoman Hoehn states she received an anonymous letter concerning an internal matter, and it is being handled.

4th District Councilman Curtis stated he spoke with the gentleman living on W. 10th Street alley, which they discussed at the last meeting, and he would like to continue looking into the situation before they go any further.

Councilwoman-at-Large Higgins stated she has no report.

Mayor Tucker sated they have the year end reports before them and they will entertain questions/comments at their next meeting. He then stated if there was no further business, he entertains a motion to adjourn.

Councilman Fuelling moved the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Councilwoman Hoehn.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously and adjourned the meeting.

John Tucker
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ATTEST:

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